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SUBJECT: JEWISH CEMETERIES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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1. EMBOFF SPOKE TO SECRETARY OF COUNCIL FOR JEWISH RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES DR. RUDOLF ILTIS ON AUGUST 17. DR ILTIS SAID THAT RECORDS BEARING ON CONDITION OF JEWISH CEMETERIES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WERE "BEING PREPARED," AND WOULD BE READY "IN FOURTEEN DAYS," THAT IS AT THE END OF AUGUST. HE WOULD NOT SPECIFICALLY GUARANTEE EMBASSY PERMISSION TO COPY RECORDS, BUT DID IMPLY THAT RABBI RUBIN COULD HAVE ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION IN SOME FORM. EMBASSY WILL CONTACT ILTIS O/A AUGUST 27.

2. COMMENT: AS PREDICTED (STATE 116127) CZECHOSLOVAKS ARE NOT BEING AS FORTHCOMING AS WERE POLES IN THIS MATTER. RECORDS ILTIS PREPARING WILL MORE THAN LIKELY REFLECT THE PICTURE OF SITUATION WHICH GOC AUTHORITIES WANT PAINTED FOR RABBI RUBIN. BEST EVENTUAL COURSE OF ACTION WOULD BE FOR RABBI RUBIN TO VISIT PRAGUE AT HIS CONVENIENCE AND MEET WITH JEWISH LEADERS HIMSELF. EMBASSY WILL ASSIST TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, BUT DOES NOT WISH TO BE TOO STRONGLY IDENTIFIED WITH THE RABBI'S EFFORTS. FROWICK

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